WR115 INTRODUCTION TO WRITING

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Course Info:
CRN20669 11:00 – 12:00 Mon NSH108, Wed & Fri NSH209
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Final Exams: Monday, Dec 3 @ 12 – 12:50 and Tuesday, Dec 4 @ 11:30 – 12:20

Text & Materials:
♦ Models for Writers, Short Essays for Composition, 11th edition, Rosa & Eschholz
♦ The Little Seagull Handbook, Bullock & Weinberg
♦ WR115 Packet
♦ Writer’s Notebook (3-ring binder) and pocket folder to turn in writing projects
♦ Access to the internet (Moodle shell)
♦ Jump drive for saving work in the computer lab
♦ Two Examination Blue Books for WR115 Final Exam Practice and WR115 Final Exam

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Welcome to WR115, a workshop and discussion class in introductory writing. You can look forward to:
- Practicing a variety of techniques for writing and revising paragraphs and essays
- Reading a rich assortment of essays to develop your good critical reading skills and enhance your writing
- Reviewing and using strong study skills, grammar and mechanical skills, and collaborative skills throughout the term

I will always try to be enthusiastic, honest, fair, and inspiring. I will expect you to be interested, consistently present, engaged, a contributor to class workshops and discussions, and a diligent reader and writer.

Learning Outcomes: With your successful completion of this class, you will be able to:
1. Write thoughtful, clear, and effective expository paragraphs and essays for a variety of purposes.
2. Read critically; paraphrase, summarize, and directly quote from readings.
3. Write clear, focused, and well-organized summary and response paragraphs using in-text citations.
4. Focus a thesis and develop this thesis clearly and logically using examples and illustrations in a well-organized essay.
5. Revise writing using standard college editing and proofreading conventions (grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation).
Attendance / Participation and Time Management

Attendance is essential for many reasons. In this class, we expect you to be a team player in reading responses and writing processes. Also, material is often covered in class that is not in your texts. Plan to attend every class session. If you miss a class, you are responsible for getting the missed information.

Organize and plan your time wisely. Allow at least two hours outside class for every hour spent in class. Please, do your work on time.

PLEASE COMPLETE READINGS AND WRITING ASSIGNMENTS BEFORE COMING TO CLASS.

The LBCC community is enriched by diversity of all kinds. We all share the privilege of thinking, learning, and working together in an encouraging environment. In our classroom community, we will work toward creating and enjoying a community of mutual respect, appreciation, and goodwill.

Additional Guidelines:

- Word-process final revised paragraphs and essays.
- Turn in rough drafts and peer comments (workshop notes) with polished, revised essay assignments.
- Do your work on time. Our class is organized around extensive revision: therefore, your rough drafts and final papers need to be on time.
- Do your own work. Simply put: Don’t Plagiarize (using someone else’s work as your own without proper in-text citations and documentation).

Campus Resources

- Conferences with your teacher (917-4574) – Please visit with me (NSH214) early in the term and often throughout the term with interests, questions, problems, or concerns.
- LIBRARY (917-4638)
- Writing Helps: a cooperative writing service including ESOL, Writing Center, Writing and Study Skills Labs and more.
- Writing Center and OWL (Online Writing Lab) Writing Center Assistants and Writing Peer Tutors will provide assistance (not copy editing, not correcting!) with specific paragraph and essay assignments.

GRADING Your final grade for WR115 (100%) will be composed of your class grade – see following Assignment Log – (70% of Final Grade) and WR115 Final Exam (30%).

“Writing is like making a table. With both you are working with reality, a material just as hard as wood. Both are full of tricks and techniques. Basically very little magic and a lot of hard work are involved . . . What is a privilege, however, is to do a job to your own satisfaction.” Gabriel Garcia Marquez

WRITING CENTER

From invention to revision, beginning to end, the LBCC Writing Center can help you take your writing to the next level. Please feel free to drop in during regular hours to work one-on-one with a Writing Assistant. In addition to your draft, bring your assignment and any questions you have. You may also submit your writing online at lbcc.writingcenteronline.net where you will get a personalized response within 1 – 2 business days. www.linnbenton.edu/go/learning-center/writinghelp